

REMARKS

Applicant has herein amended the claims to responsively address the claim objections made in the instant Office Action. Applicant maintains that these changes were made to hasten prosecution closure and do not go to any questions regarding patentability.


Applicant respectfully traverses the request to make some of the changes suggested because Applicant submits making the changes would create confusion by introducing "the" immediately before the first occurrence of a noun. Specifically, Applicant has not replaced "integrated circuit" with "the integrated circuit" in claims 1, 9, 15 or 22, as requested. Furthermore, for the same reason, Applicant has not replaced "functionality" with "the functionality" in claim 9, as requested.

Applicant is also submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer to responsively obviate the judicially created double patenting rejection.

Please enter the amendment and terminal disclaimer and permit the application to advance to Issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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